

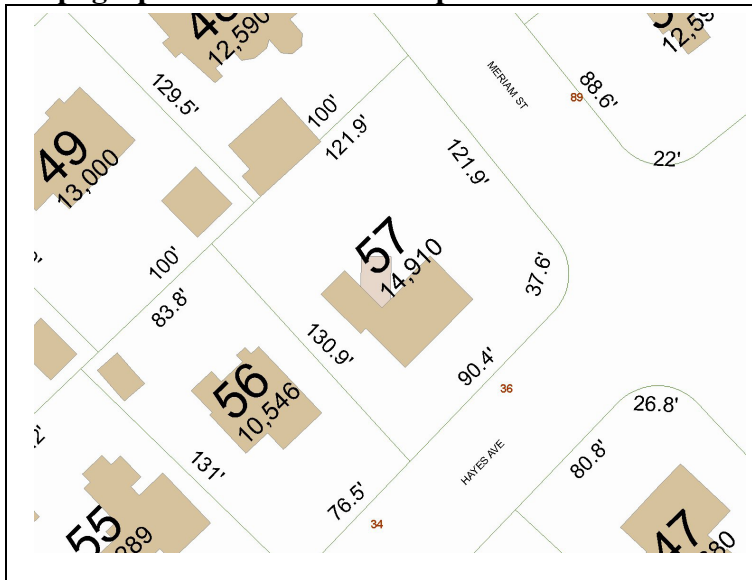
FORM B – BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

Photograph



Topographic or Assessor's Map



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Date (month / year): May 2008

Assessor's Number USGS Quad Area(s) Form Number

63/57

Boston
North

1572

Town: Lexington

Place: (neighborhood or village)
Upper Meriam Hill

Address: 36 Hayes Avenue (at Meriam Street)

Historic Name: Alexander Wadsworth House

Uses: Present: residential

Original: residential

Date of Construction: c.1910

Source:

Style/Form: Craftsman Colonial

Architect/Builder: unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation: rubble

Wall/Trim: wood shingles

Roof: asphalt shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:
none

Major Alterations (with dates):
c.1980 – addition on east end

Condition: good

Moved: no | x | yes | | Date _____

Acreage: 0.34 acre

Setting: early 20th century residential neighborhood

INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

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LEXINGTON

36 Hayes Avenue

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____ Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

Incorporating elements of the Colonial Revival and Craftsman styles, 36 Hayes Avenue is a two-story, gable-roofed dwelling sheathed in wood shingles and set above a rubble foundation. The asphalt-shingled roof displays overhanging eaves with exposed rafter tails. The center entrance is sheltered by a pedimented, closed entrance portico with sidelights flanking the paneled door. On either side of the entrance is a set of two 6/1 windows which project slightly and are capped by a shed roof. The upper story of the façade is punctuated by three individual, double-hung windows containing 6/1 sash. At the east end of the façade there was originally a single-story porch. This has been eliminated, replaced by a two-story addition a single bay wide which blends with the original house. The northeast gable end displays a mix of clerestory and double-hung windows above a two-car garage on the lower level.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building, and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

The house at 36 Hayes Avenue (known formerly as 6 and 22 Hayes Avenue until about 1935) was constructed on land (lot 66) that was part of the Oakmount Park subdivision, initially laid out in 1903. Hayes Avenue is not shown on the 1906 map. The original owner of the house is believed to have been Alexander Wadsworth. He became a resident of Lexington in May 1910 and was married to Alice. He was employed as an accountant at a woolen company and was living here by 1920. By 1930 the house was owned and occupied by Lester Redman. Hiram Watson Jackson Jr. was living here in 1932 and Mr. & Mrs. Milton Hodgdon were living here in 1942.

Later owners included Michael and Elva Maltz who sold the property to Stephen Gendzier in 1969 (Book 1760, Page 728).

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